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	09/399,192	WANKMUELLER ET AL.	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communication filed on February 24, 2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 51-75.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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/Charlie C Agwumezie/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3685  
August 6, 2009

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Mainer on August 6, 2009.

### **Acknowledgments**

2. In view of the interview conducted on August 6, 2009 between Robert Maier and Examiner Charles Agwumezie, it is agreed that claims 1-50 stand as cancelled. Claims 51-75 have been added under Examiner's amendment. By this amendment claims 51-75 are allowed subject to the examiner's amendment.

3. The Application has been amended as follows:

4. Claims 1-50 cancelled.

51) A method for generating identification data comprising:

selecting by a first computer an ATM PIN from a plurality of ATM PINs;

selecting by the first computer an account number corresponding to the selected ATM PIN;

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selecting by the first computer a BIN corresponding to the selected account number;

selecting by the first computer a key corresponding to the BIN;

generating by the first computer an electronic commerce PIN using the selected key, the ATM PIN and the account number;

receiving the electronic commerce PIN and transaction information corresponding to the electronic commerce PIN from a second computer;

selecting a conversion key by the first computer based on said transaction information;

deriving the ATM PIN by the first computer using the conversion key, the electronic commerce PIN and the account number;

verifying the ATM PIN by the first computer;

encrypting the derived ATM PIN by the first computer and transmitting the encrypted ATM PIN and the transaction information to a third computer specific to the selected BIN.

52) The method of claim 51 wherein said conversion key is associated with:

conversion key derivation data and a

conversion key derivation key.

53) The method of claim 52, wherein the conversion key derivation key is used to perform at least one cryptographic operation upon the conversion key derivation data.

54) The method of claim 53, wherein the conversion key derivation data includes an identification number associated with multiple accounts;

and wherein at least one cryptographic operation using a secret key is performed to cryptographically process said conversion key derivation data to produce the conversion key.

55) The method of claim 51, wherein generating an electronic commerce pin comprises:

accessing cryptographically-computed data; and

performing an operation upon the ATM PIN and the cryptographically-computed data.

56) The method of claim 55, wherein said cryptographically-computed data is generated using a secret key to perform a cryptographic operation on initial data.

57) The method of claim 56, wherein said cryptographic operation comprises at least one of a DES-encryption and a DES-decryption.

58) The method of claim 57, wherein a portion of said initial data is obtained from at least a portion of an account number.

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59) The method of claim 58, wherein performing an operation upon the ATM PIN and the cryptographically-computed data comprises performing either a subtraction operation or an addition operation.

60) A system for generating identification data comprising:

a first computer selecting an ATM PIN from a plurality of ATM PINs,

a first computer selecting an account number corresponding to the selected ATM PIN,

a first computer selecting a BIN corresponding to the selected account number;

a first computer selecting a key corresponding to the BIN;

a first computer generating an electronic commerce PIN using the selected key, the ATM PIN and the account number;

a first computer receiving the electronic commerce PIN and transaction information corresponding to the electronic commerce PIN from a second computer;

a first computer selecting a conversion key based on said transaction information;

a first computer deriving the ATM PIN using the conversion key, the electronic commerce PIN and the account number;

a first computer verifying the ATM PIN;

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a first computer encrypting the derived ATM PIN and transmitting the encrypted ATM PIN and the transaction information to a third computer specific to the selected BIN.

61) The system of claim 60 wherein said conversion key is associated with:

conversion key derivation data and a

conversion key derivation key.

62) The system of claim 61, wherein the conversion key derivation key is used to perform at least one cryptographic operation upon the conversion key derivation data.

63) The system of claim 62, wherein the conversion key derivation data includes an identification number associated with multiple accounts;

and wherein at least one cryptographic operation using a secret key is performed to cryptographically process said conversion key derivation data to produce the conversion key.

64) The system of claim 60, wherein generating an electronic commerce PIN comprises accessing cryptographically-computed data and said cryptographically-computed data is generated with a secret key used to perform a cryptographic operation on initial data.

65) The system of claim 64, wherein said cryptographic operation comprises at least one of a DES-encryption and a DES-decryption.

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66) The system of claim 65, wherein a portion of said initial data is obtained from at least a portion of an account number.

67) The system of claim 66, wherein performing an operation upon the ATM PIN and the cryptographically-computed data comprises performing either a subtraction operation or an addition operation.

68) A system for generating identification data comprising:  
a memory on a first computer;  
a processor on said first computer in communication with the memory;  
a computer readable medium on said first computer in communication with the processor and storing instructions which, when executed, cause the processor to perform the steps of:

selecting an ATM PIN from a plurality of ATM PINs,

selecting an account number corresponding to the selected ATM PIN,

selecting a BIN corresponding to the selected account number;

selecting a key corresponding to the BIN;

generating an electronic commerce PIN using the selected key, the ATM PIN and the acct number;

receiving the electronic commerce PIN and transaction information corresponding to the electronic commerce PIN from a second computer;



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selecting a conversion key based on said transaction information;

deriving the ATM PIN using the conversion key, the electronic commerce PIN and the account number;

verifying the ATM PIN by the first computer;

encrypting the derived ATM PIN and transmits the encrypted ATM PIN and the transaction information to a third computer specific to the selected BIN.

69) The system of claim 68 wherein said conversion key is associated with:

conversion key derivation data and a

conversion key derivation key.

70) The system of claim 69, wherein the conversion key derivation key is used to perform at least one cryptographic operation upon the conversion key derivation data.

71) The system of claim 70, wherein the conversion key derivation data includes an identification number associated with multiple accounts;

and wherein at least one cryptographic operation using a secret key is performed to cryptographically process said conversion key derivation data to produce the conversion key.

72) The system of claim 68, wherein generating an electronic commerce PIN comprises accessing cryptographically-computed data and said cryptographically-

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computed data is generated with a secret key used to perform a cryptographic operation on initial data.

73) The system of claim 72, wherein said cryptographic operation comprises at least one of a DES-encryption and a DES-decryption.

74) The system of claim 73, wherein a portion of said initial data is obtained from at least a portion of an account number.

75) The system of claim 74, wherein performing an operation upon the ATM PIN and the cryptographically-computed data comprises performing either a subtraction operation or an addition operation.

5. Claims 51-75 have been allowed.

### **Reasons for Allowance**

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art of records are U.S. Patent No. 6,163,771 to Walker et al, and U.S. Patent No. 5,175,766 to Hamilton.

Regarding the claimed terms, the Examiner notes that a "general term must be understood in the context in which the inventor presents it." In re Glaug F.3d 1335, 1340, 62 USPQ2d 1151, 1154 (Fed. Cir. 2002). Therefore the Examiner must interpret the claimed terms as found on pages 1-18 of the specification. Clearly almost all the

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general terms in the claims may have multiple meanings. So where a claim term “is susceptible to various meanings, ... the inventor’s lexicography must prevail....” Id. Using these definitions for the claims, the claimed invention was not reasonably found in the prior art.

7. The primary reference Walker (U.S. Patent No. 6,163,771) is directed to a method and device for generating a single-use financial account number. Walker's method involves generating a second numerical code on a central computer by performing a cryptographic operation on the first numerical code and cryptographically computed data.

Walker however does not teach at least generating by the first computer an electronic commerce PIN using the selected key, the ATM PIN and the account number; receiving the electronic commerce PIN and transaction information corresponding to the electronic commerce PIN from a second computer; selecting a conversion key by the first computer based on said transaction information; deriving the ATM PIN by the first computer using the conversion key, the electronic commerce PIN and the account number; verifying the ATM PIN by the first computer; encrypting the derived ATM PIN by the first computer and transmitting the encrypted ATM PIN and the transaction information to a third computer specific to the selected BIN.

Moreover, the missing claimed elements from Walker are not found in a reasonable number of reference(s). Yet even if the missing claimed elements were found in a reasonable number of references, a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would not have been motivated to include these missing

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elements in an embodiment in the Walker disclosure because: such would have changed the basic working principles and the operation of Walker.

8. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

9. The prior arts made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicants disclosure.

- Everett et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,575,372) discloses secure multi-application IC card system having selective loading and deleting capability.
- Khello (U.S. Patent No. 5,724,423) discloses method and apparatus for user authentication.
- Zingher (U.S. Patent No. 5,731,575) discloses Computerized system for discreet identification of duress transaction and/or duress access.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles C. Agwumezie whose number is **(571) 272-6838**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Calvin Hewitt can be reached on **(571) 272 – 6709**.

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